



## 2017-2018 OPI Indian Education K-12 Grants

The Indian Education Division is pleased to offer this grant opportunity for the 2017-2018 school year.

**APPLICATIONS ARE NOW ON E-GRANTS.** The grant is intended to provide support for additional resources for the implementation of ongoing Indian Education efforts that benefit either Indian Student Achievement and/or Indian Education for All.

Indian Education for All (IEFA) focused proposals will include one or more of the following:

1. Develop and establish collaborative relationships with American Indian educators, schools, and students in order to further cross cultural awareness and understandings.
2. Each school/district will include in its IEFA policy and/or plan, a process for the selection and inclusion of tribally specific resources relevant to Montana tribes to enhance school wide learning experiences.
3. Design and provide a program of professional development for instructional staff that develops capacity to integrate Indian Education for All throughout the K-12 curriculum.

Indian Education Student Achievement focused proposals will include one or more of the following:

1. Development of resources to support Indian Student Achievement through whole child focused efforts to meet student mental health, physical health, and emotional needs.
2. Design and provide a program of professional development for instructional staff that develops culturally relevant instructional strategies to enhance school climate.
3. Develop and establish collaborative relationships with American Indian educators, schools, and students in order to further cross cultural awareness and understandings and to share best practices for increasing student achievement.

This K-12 Indian Education grant is open to any Montana public school district. Preference will be given to schools which have not had a previous Indian Education grant.

- Complete proposal is due May 29, 2017.
- Notification of grant awards will be sent by June 22, 2017.
- Interested applicants should contact the Indian Education Division to discuss proposed ideas prior to submitting an application.

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**CHECK WITH YOUR ADMINISTRATION FOR YOUR DISTRICT'S E-GRANTS PROCESS.**

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